

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF POTATOES AND ONIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of exports of potatoes, onions and other perishable items during each of the last three years, country-wise along with foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (b) whether the Government has removed restriction from the export of some items keeping in view the interests of farmers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof item-wise;
- (d) the reasons for declining the export of these items during the above period; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to export these items particularly processed food items?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) The details of export of potatoes, onions and other major perishable items to major countries and export realizations during the last three years is given below:

(quantity in metric tons;value rupees in lakhs)

Country	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
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	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
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Onions

Dubai/U.Arab Emirates	108039	7540.98	104250	10068.56	102156	8018.54
Malaysia	111402	8239.32	162401	18462.24	134077	13486.01
Sri Lanka	102668	7160.66	147013	13643.62	90373.50	7219.71
Bangladesh	94132	5602.82	270104	24008.54	464538	40208.54
Singapore	20484	1612.20	24106	2252.08	20368	1729.38
Nepal	6750	334.73	26882	1985.60	26602	1540.62
Total	443475	30490.71	734756	70420.64	838114.5	72202.8

(source: NAFED)

(quantity in metric tons;value rupees in lakhs)

Country	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
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	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
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Potatoes

Nepal	6342.76	188.47	14687	501.27	55234.66	1989.15
Sri Lanka	386.91	24.30	7800.77	511.79	3816.20	245.99
Mauritius	20000	8.24	1129.25	98.89	3021.10	269.66
United Arab Emirates	941.90	88.84	144.90	10.49	312.09	18.71
Singapore	87	4.32	121.31	16.17	114.52	9.1
Total	27758.57	314.17	23883.23	1138.61	62498.57	2532.61

(source: APEDA)

(quantity in metric tons;value rupees in lakhs)

Other perishables

Bangladesh	108660	11798.8	77983.85	7516.8	121682.45	11453.5
Nepal	13758.2	453.01	36163.67	1672.86	96177.44	4857.88
Bahrain	5264.24	1011.45	5960.33	1272.03	5634.87	1050.44
Canada	5223.69	765.31	3132.84	733.94	2754.8	685.39
France	6204.66	1190.88	9347.05	1975.66	6074.89	1136.96
Germany	1565.9	412.1	2370.15	716.04	5657.78	1700.65
United kingdom	14323.5	4487.62	17306.44	7041.28	15330.46	6562.84
Kuwait	5983.99	1250.14	5183.43	1349.12	4821.91	1114.75
Sri Lanka	19662.2	1773.6	17367.78	1587.02	7439.11	773.91
U.A.E	50575.6	10161.1	58787.37	12433.8	64676.28	13532
U.S.A	19571.1	6871.57	23650.07	5507.25	11932.26	3363.37
Saudi Arabia	11038.7	3261.92	19563.75	2472.72	20433.49	4292.71
Total	261831.8	43437.5	276816.73	44278.52	362615.74	50524.4

(source: APEDA)

(b)&(c): All perishable agricultural items, except onion are freely exportable. There is no quantitative restriction on export of onion. However, export of onions is canalized viz. can be exported only through designated organizations.

(d): The overall export of these perishable items has gone up during the last three years.

(e): The Government has been promoting the export of these items through various measures including participation in fairs / exhibitions, promotional campaigns and Air-freight subsidy.